

## SUMMER SEASON.

**IDLE DAYS AT MARTHA'S VINEYARD.**  
A FORTUNATE DESCRIPTION OF A CURIOUS GEOLOGICAL FORMATION BY THE SEA—THE ADVENTURE OF A TOUGH MAIDEN.

FROM AN OCCASIONAL CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE.]

COTTAGE CITY, Aug. 31.—There are no places not always obvious at first sight, in going about at sea in an open boat. A year ago, for instance, our correspondent with certain companions, younger, wiser and stronger than he, was driven off shore in a boat by a high wind, caught in a thunder squall, and finally picked up by an old Vineyard wailer, who chanced to be house-bound from a fishing expedition in a large boat. The wailer had undertaken along shore among mothers and aunts and sisters-in-law, but the most noteworthy outcome of the adventure is the existing alliance between Captain Cleveland and myself. When I want to make up a sailing party I send word to him, and am sure of first-rate seamanship and a last boat. When he has a school of fish anywhere between Nantucket and Noman's Land he sends me; if he happens to be short-handed, I sign him for the voyage as an able seaman in the simple discourse of a flannel shirt and a pair of old trousers.

It was to such a contingency as this that I owed my first introduction to Gay Head, that remarkable geological formation at the western extremity of this island. "There's a mucky hole down in the mouth of the sound," said the Captain, "and if the wind's bad we'll run out to the United States Hotel yesterday."

The Rev. Dr. Main and family, and the Rev. A. McGregor, minister of Scotland, arrived at the United States Hotel last night.

Samuel Hawes of the Windsor Hotel, New-York, arrived last night. He is accompanied by the Misses Estelle and Van New. They are at Congress Hall.

The United States Hotel—Baldy and wife, Boston; Lieutenant A. Marquardt, Germany; W. S. Henderson and wife, Mrs. J. S. Johnson and wife and J. W. Lyman and wife, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Smith and wife; C. E. Benedict, W. S. Schuyler and wife; M. S. S. Smith and wife, W. W. Durant, O. K. King, J. N. Brooks, New-York.

*Grand Union Hotel*—E. G. Lawton and wife, Boston; E. Parvin and wife, Middlesex; N. H. Vaughan, C. E. Ehme, Boston; J. Boyd and wife, L. Miller, New-York; E. Todd, Congress Hall—F. D. Baldwin and wife, Waterbury; Constance Major, H. W. Merrill and wife, New-Haven; R. P. Curtis and wife, Boston; J. Gould, Mrs. S. W. Gould, R. E. Knapp and family; J. Lawton and family, R. E. Knapp, New-York.

RUSH TO THE BRANCH.

LONG BRANCH, Sept. 4.—The warm weather of the past few days promises to give Long Branch a new sense of life. The cold storm on Monday drove every body away. Two of the hotels closed during the week, and others gave notice of closing to-morrow. Every train from New-York and Philadelphia to-day was crowded, and the 3:30 p.m. express train was more than two sections, so great was the rush. The daily trains were crowded, as well as the best route to Sandy Hook. The Ocean Hotel, which, it was reported, would close to-day, gave notice that it will keep open until 1:30 p.m.

The proprietors of the remaining hotels not closed will probably follow the same example, as all are taken up. The branch is a favorite summer resort, and is well deserved to-day. At noon the thermometer reached 70°, but this evening a sea fog took off the ocean has made it cool enough the shore.

## THE GREAT APPLE CROP.

## INTERESTING FACTS CONCERNING IT.

AN UNPREDICTED YIELD—HOW THE APPLES WILL BE USED—SOME NEW-YORK ORCHARDS—WINTER APPLES.

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KINGSTON, N. Y., Sept. 1.—This is familiarly known among fruit men and people generally as the "apple year," it being customary in this country to have a full crop of apples each alternate year only. Last season was the "off year." Everybody was prepared for a large yield, but few had any idea of the enormous aggregate now so surely indicated. From nearly every apple-growing section in the country the advices are the same. Travel wherever one will immense orchards will be found laden to the ground with the red and golden fruit; and the ground beneath the trees is in most cases covered with ripe and decaying fruit that has fallen, for which no market could be obtained. And this is the case with every variety.

In order to convey some idea of the extent and increase of the great apple product of this country, it may be of interest to state that in 1876, according to the careful estimates of the American Pomological Society, there were 112,000,000 apple trees growing in the States, the crop from which was then valued at \$50,000,000. In 1877, an "on year," the crop was about ten times less. But in 1878 the average of orchards had been much increased, and the crop was greater than ever, being estimated at nearly 150,000,000 barrels. Last year the crop was again lighter, but from various causes the yield must have been a trifle less than previous years. Two or three rollers came and reaped the same amount, but the opportunity presented itself and the girl in the bins did her work very expertly and rejoiced in her success.

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